

ATTACHMENT

TO: United States Department of Justice  
Freedom of Information Officer

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
County of Clearfield

FROM: Ion Catalin Vrancea  
#79972-053, Unit B, Pod 6  
MVCC, 555 GEO DRIVE  
PHILIPSBURG, PA, 16866

MARCH 14, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a.

This request involves the case of United States v. ION CATALIN VRANCEA, FILES AND RECORDS are maintained in U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (Brooklyn), U.S. Attorneys Office for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,

Criminal Docket for case #: 1:12-cr-00198-WFK-1  
Magistrate Judge case # : 1:12-mj-00166-JO

Particularly, after a careful and reasoned review of the indictment filed in this case, questions arose as to the validity of the allegations contained in the document and warranted an inquiry into the proceedings and events pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. It is my direct understanding through professional and informed judgment that the allegations, specifically, counts two through five were not the subject of indictment of a "Grand Jury" and were originally added to the document after the prosecution secured a returned indictment for my role in using false passport.

As you know, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act provides that if portions of the records are subject to exemption, including names of individuals appearing before the grand jury, or sitting to vote on the allegations, the remaining information must be segregated and disclosed. Thus, please forward to me the following information:

1. A certified copy of the Counts voted on by a legally constituted Grand Jury;
2. The name of the magistrate Judge to which the indictment was returned in open court;
3. The date which the indictment was returned in open court pursuant to Rule 6, of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;
4. All counts returned in open court by the legally constituted Grand Jury;
5. The instructions given to the Grand Jury before voting on the indictments;

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6. A statement given to the GRAND JURY before voting on the indictments ;
7. Any and all GRAND JURY subpoena ;

The Freedom of Information and Privacy Act for a waiver or reduction of search and duplication fees where there is disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute to significantly to public understanding of the operation or activities.

Sincerely,

/s/ ION VRANCEA

ION CATALIN VRANCEA

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 14 day of March, 2018.

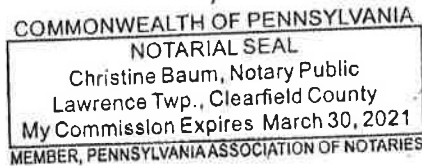
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Dated: MARCH 14, 2018.

If for some reason, this is the wrong department, please forward this request to the correct department to expedite the correct processing.

THANK YOU!

Christine Baum  
Notary Public



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
County of Clearfield

U.S. Department of Justice

## Certification of Identity



2018-002471

FORM APPROVED OMB NO.  
1103-0016 EXPIRES 05/31/2020

**Privacy Act Statement.** In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

Full Name of Requester <sup>1</sup> ION CATALIN VRANCEACitizenship Status <sup>2</sup> ROMANIAN Social Security Number <sup>3</sup> N/ACurrent Address MVCC , 555 GEO DRIVE, UNIT B/POD6, #79972-053, PHILIPSBURG, PA, 16866Date of Birth 25 AUGUST 1980 Place of Birth ROMANIA / CRAIOVA(city)**OPTIONAL: Authorization to Release Information to Another Person**

This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.

Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:

N/A**Print or Type Name**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Signature <sup>4</sup> ION VRANCEA Date 03.14.2018

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 14 day of March, 20 18

<sup>1</sup> Name of individual who is the subject of the record(s) sought.

<sup>2</sup> Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

<sup>3</sup> Providing your social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide your social security number only to facilitate the identification of records relating to you. Without your social security number, the Department may be unable to locate any or all records pertaining to you.

<sup>4</sup> Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.

Christine Baum  
Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTARIAL SEAL

Christine Baum, Notary Public  
Lawrence Twp., Clearfield County  
My Commission Expires March 30, 2021  
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

FORM DOJ-361



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Office of Information Policy  
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1425 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

Mr. Ion C. Vrancea  
Register No. 79972-053  
Correctional Institution  
555 Geo Drive  
Philipsburg, PA 16866

Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2018-006310  
Request No. EOUSA-2018-002946  
CDT:ADF

**VIA: U.S. Mail**

Dear Mr. Vrancea:

You appealed from the action of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to specific records located in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York concerning yourself.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming, on modified grounds, EOUSA's action on your request. Please note that although EOUSA identified certain records in its indices that might be responsive to your request, EOUSA searched for, but could not locate, those records. Subsequent to your appeal, EOUSA conducted an additional search in an attempt to find the missing records, but is still unable to locate them. I have determined that EOUSA conducted an adequate, reasonable search for these records. Indeed, EOUSA has not used any exemptions to withhold any information from you; rather, it cannot locate the records that might be responsive to your request.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of EOUSA in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the

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action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

9/7/2018

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Christina D. Troiani, Associate Chief, for  
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff  
Signed by: OIP